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--FIGS. 5(a) and 5(b) are illustrations of videos displayed on a display screen-

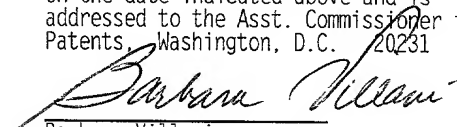
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--FIGS. 6(a) - 6(d) are illustrations of videos displayed on the display screen; and--.

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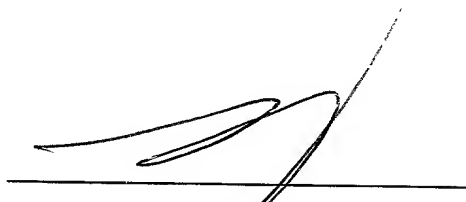
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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c), a marked-up copy of page 4 of the specification, showing the changes made, is attached.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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FIGS. 5(a) and 5(b) are illustrations

✓ FIG. 5 is an illustration of videos displayed on a display screen;

FIGS. 6(a) - 6(d) are illustrations

✓ FIG. 6 is an illustration of videos displayed on the display screen; and

FIG. 7 is an illustration of an image displayed on a monitor.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

[0010] In the following, description is given to a preferred embodiment of a food and drink ordering system according to the present invention with reference to the accompanying drawings. It is to be understood, however, that the scope of the invention is by no means limited to the illustrated embodiment.

[0011] Shown in FIG. 1 is an interior of a sushi restaurant including a kitchen section S1 and a customer section S2 as viewed from top, in which there are provided a counter 1a and a plurality of tables 1b set in the customer section S2, a compartment housing 2 arranged along a front side of the kitchen section S1 and along the counter and tables 1a and 1b, and a conveyance equipment 3 having a passageway 30 which is circularly arranged on the compartment housing 2 to carry e.g. sushi dished up on plates P in the kitchen section S1 to the customers' tables 1a and 1b. An endless chain of the passageway 30 has a flat surface for placing the plate P thereon.

[0012] The compartment housing 2 having a box shape in section is formed by spaced apart, opposite, side walls 21 and 22, a top wall 23 and a bottom wall connecting between the both side walls 21 and 22 at upper and lower ends thereof, as shown in FIG. 2. The compartment housing 2 comprises a first housing portion 2a, arranged along the front side of the kitchen section S1, for separating the kitchen section S1 from the customer section S2,